5/2/77

Dear Harold,

Your letter of 4/29 and the enclosures came today. Thanks. I'll make brief response now.

On the Priscilla Johnson material, the attachments are not new, the SS report is. Her notes and the 2 articles were reprinted in the 26 vol. as Johnson exhibits. In fact, the copies of her notes, though reduced, are much clearer and easy to read than those you sent from SS. I've skimmed through them but don't have time for detailed study. Also, I'm not too well briefed on her. What I would like to see is the story she filed in 1959 contemporaneously and before there was the same motivation to portray him as the stuff ofwhich fanatics are made. I don't recall her testimony, so It's hard for me to tell if there is anything new in the SS report. I wasn't aware Oswald told her that Soviets asked him not to grant interviews, and I am intrigued that this "reporter" out to do a story would also try to talk her interviewee into changing his mind. Perhaps a suggestion that her interests were those in addition to those of a reporter.

On Earlene Roberts, I just recently came across an 11/23 statement by her, typed copy, in the 26 vol. I don't remember the cite, but surely it could be found through Sylvia's index. I remember it told of the police taking the towels and washrags.

On the 11/23/63 LHM from Hoover, you already must have my memo re the tapes of putative Oswald. Thus, you know I disagree with your formulation that "they are explicit in saying it is not LHO's voice." The memo is anything but explicit as I read it.

Also, on his timing of Tippit as "about 1:13," I agree it could be significant but I am wary. It is worth checking into, but it is also conceivable to me that they knew the time of the first broadcast was 1:15 and simply allowed a couple minutes before anyone got to the car radio. As of the day after the crime, Hoover wouldn't have known how tight the time demands on his single assassin were.

A little while ago you sent me a copy of what the Fla. Bar had sent you and your response. I appreciate it and especially the kind things you had to say about me.

Best,

Howard